WHAT IS A CODE REPOSITORY?

- A place to store your code
 - Possibly on your computer, possibly not... but definitely versioned
- A place to show your code, and work with others.

WHAT ABOUT ACTUALLY LAYING OUT THE CODE?

- There's not an easy answer for science code it tends to develop "organically".
- Often it's best just to split files when they get too big.
- Always keep the novice user (or future you) in mind... Use descriptive names.
- Think modular!

WHAT ABOUT PACKAGING CODE?

- Deliver your code in some form that others can install without thinking too hard about where anything goes.
 - Makefiles, ruby gems, python packages, etc.
 - (Includes sensible versioning!)

WHAT ABOUT PACKAGING PYTHON CODE?



PYTHON PACKAGING TERMINOLOGY

- "package": the biggest thing. E.g., astropy, numpy, sunpy. A directory with an "__init__.py"
- "module": a single "something.py" file the module is "something"
- "subpackage": a package within a package
- "source directory/folder": the directory / folder with all of a codes "stuff"
- "repository" / "repo": the source directory *in version control*
- "submodule": a git repo embedded in *another* git repo
 - "astropy-helpers": an example seen in Astropy packages

SAMPLE PACKAGE LAYOUT

README LICENSE setup.py

mypackage/__init__.py
mypackage/mymodule.py
mypackage/secondmodule.py
mypackage/subpackage/__init__.py
mypackage/subpackage/anothermodule.py

import mypackage
from mypackage import my module
from mypackage import secondmodule
from mypackage import subpackage
from mypackage.subpackage import anothermodule

THE GOAL OF PACKAGING AND INSTALLING IS BASICALLY TO MAKE THAT WORK ANYWHERE

VERSIONING

- In vogue: "semantic versioning"
- x.y.z (E.g., 0.2.3, 2.7.12, 3.6)
 - change x for breaking changes
 - change y for non-breaking changes
 - change z for bug-fixes
- Anything x.y.z<something else> is a prerelease
 - E.g., 1.2.3beta, 2.1.6rc2
- But don't get too worked up. 0.1 -> 0.2 -> 0.3 is better than nothing.

LICENSING YOUR CODE

- Rule #1: Have a license!
- Rule #2: There is no rule #2.

(see problem sets for more)

GO TO: HTTPS://GITHUB.COM/ETEQ/ PYTHON-PACKAGING

GET:

PACKAGINGANDREPOS.IPYNB

(MAY WANT TO SKIP TO PROBLEM 3)